








# Rincon Mountain District (East)

## Interpretive Program Schedule

### December 17 – December 23, 2007



Monday, December 17	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>Weather Watch NPS</b> <i>20 minute Garden Walk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park ranger to learn how weather affects our national parks.
<b>Strange Plants</b> <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.
Tuesday, December 18	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>Desert Bird Walk</b> <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	8:30 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
<b>Desert Morning Hike</b> <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
<b>Climate Change, Saguaros, and Public Policy</b> <i>1 hour slide program illustrated program</i> 	7:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Global Climate Change is one of the most important topics facing the world’s scientists and politicians. Join Park Ranger Josh Boles for this one hour program that will attempt to strip down the rhetoric and seek out the truth about climate change, its potential impact on Saguaro National Park, and what can be done to reduce its impacts. This program will take place in the visitor center auditorium; reservations can be made by calling (520) 733-5153.
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<b>Desert Morning Hike</b> <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
<b>Home Sweet Hole</b> <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided hike</i>	1:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join park naturalists on an expedition to locate and identify various desert homes found in Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Thursday, December 20	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>Prehistoric People in the Sonoran Desert</b> <i>Patio Talk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Stop by the display table on the patio for an exploration into the prehistory of this area. Learn who lived here over 1000 years ago and what they used for food, clothing and shelter.

Friday, December 21	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>Desert Adaptations</b> <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
<b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Night Walk</b> <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i>	7:00 p.m. Meet at visitor center	Join a Park Ranger for this 2 hour hike through the Sonoran Desert at night and discover how important dark nights are to the plants and animals of Saguaro National Park. Bring water and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
Saturday, December 22	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>To Conserve the Scenery</b> <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”.
<b>Pepe Le Pew and Other Lovers of Saguaro National Park</b> <i>1 hour slide presentation</i> 	3:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	If you’ve ever wondered where animal babies come from, join a park ranger for this special program on animal reproduction in the desert.
Sunday, December 23	Time and Location	Program Description
<b>1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park</b> <i>2 hour., 1 mile walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at visitor center	Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why we now have a national park here.
<b>Strange Plants</b> <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.

*Schedule subject to change, please call the visitor center for updates*  
*Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily*  
*(Mountain Standard Time)*  
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